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TO ALICIA CHACON

MEXICAN AMERICAN DEMOCRATS STATE CONFERENCE

AIRPORT HILTON IN EL PASO TEXAS

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E.O. 11652:

TAGS:

SUBJECT:

PLEASE CONVEY TO THE DELEGATES, THE HONORED GUESTS, AND TO ALL MY FRIENDS GATHERED IN EL PASO MY WARMEST SALUDOS. I'M VERY SORRY I CANNOT BE WITH YOU TONIGHT.

MY DUTIES AS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR LATIN AMERICA OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ARE KEEPING ME CLOSE TO WASHINGTON THIS FOURTH OF JULY WEEKENED, BUT I HOPE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE MANY OF YOU IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL FOR HONORING ME ALONG WITH OTHER MEXICAN-AMERICAN DEMOCRATS FROM TEXAS WHO HAVE RECEIVED PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS. OUR COMMUNITY HAS MUCH TALENT TO OFFER THIS ADMINISTRATION, AND YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT I WILL WORK TOWARDS GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR PEOPLE.

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I'M PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH AN ADMINISTRATION THAT HAS MADE A CONCERN FOR HUMAN BEINGS AND HUMAN RIGHTS A BANNER OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY AND I WELCOME THE CHALLENGE OF RESPONDING TO THE URGENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE POOR PEOPLE OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.

I'M COUNTING ON YOU FOR CONTINUED HELP IN THE FUTURE AS WE

TRY TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAMS AND REACH THE GOALS OF  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION.

I WISH YOU A VERY SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE.

SIGNED: ABELARDO L. VALDEZ  
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR  
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
LATIN AMERICA BUREAU CHRISTOPHER

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